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Sanders County

Located in northwestern Montana, Sanders County is Montana's 22nd most populous with 8,669 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Thompson Falls, the county seat, is the state's 44th largest city with a population of 1,319. The city is surrounded by millions of acres of National Forest offering a variety of recreational activities, including camping, hunting, berry picking and wildlife viewing. Thompson Falls dam was built in 1917 and visitors can view the spectacular sight from a wooded island. The Clark Fork River runs through the area providing water recreational activities.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Sanders County households in 1989 was $18,616. The county is 2,790.2 square miles in area; 2,762.3 square miles in land area and 27.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 20.1 degrees above in January to a high of 87.1 degrees above in July. The annual average precipitation is 20 inches.

Sanders County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/95 Estimate	7/1/94 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '95	% Change '90 to '94
Montana	870,281	856,057*	799,065	8.9%	7.1%
Sanders County	10,089	9,733*	8,669	16.4%	12.3%
Hot Springs	Not Available	566*	411	Not Available	37.7%
Plains	Not Available	1,165*	992	Not Available	17.4%
Thompson Falls	Not Available	1,457*	1,319	Not Available	10.5%

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* Revisions are available. Call if needed.

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37	Transportation Equipment	1
02	Agricultural Production-Livestock & Animal Specialties	1
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First Quarter 1996 Unemployment Insurance Information

Annual Average Labor Force For Sanders County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unem-ployment	Unem-ployment Rate
1970	2,686	2,526	160	6.0%
1971	2,993	2,828	165	5.5%
1972	3,126	2,963	163	5.2%
1973	3,215	3,053	162	5.0%
1974	3,372	3,148	224	6.6%
1975	3,644	3,327	317	8.7%
1976	3,934	3,644	290	7.4%
1977	4,071	3,726	345	8.5%
1978	3,939	3,604	335	8.5%
1979	3,887	3,579	308	7.9%
1980	3,972	3,589	383	9.6%
1981	4,005	3,541	464	11.6%
1982	4,062	3,411	651	16.0%
1983	4,262	3,725	537	12.6%
1984	3,875	3,394	481	12.4%
1985	3,280	2,740	540	16.5%
1986	3,265	2,759	506	15.5%
1987	3,282	2,861	421	12.8%
1988	3,231	2,817	414	12.8%
1989	3,129	2,741	388	12.4%
1990	3,731	3,319	412	11.0%
1991	3,702	3,132	570	15.4%
1992	3,789	3,289	500	13.2%
1993	3,858	3,374	484	12.5%
1994	3,949	3,503	446	11.3%
1995	4,007	3,429	578	14.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex

1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data

Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	722	311	411
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	216	98	118
Professional Specialty Occupations	506	213	293
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	657	200	457
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	113	45	68
Sales Occupations	285	133	152
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	259	22	237
Service Occupations	431	116	315
Private Household Occupations	13	0	13
Protective Service Occupations	41	39	2
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	377	77	300
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	448	375	73
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	316	299	17
Mechanics and Repairers	109	109	0
Construction Trade	106	97	9
Extractive Occupations	16	16	0
Precision Production Occupations	85	77	8
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	780	670	110
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	274	233	41
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	252	231	21
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	254	206	48
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	28	5	23

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Hot Springs & District Chamber of Commerce, Box 580, Hot Springs, MT 59845, 406-741-2662

Plains-Paradise Chamber, P. O. Box 714, Plains, MT 59859-0714, 406-826-3662

Thompson Falls Chamber, P. O. Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930

Department of Labor and Industry:

Thompson Falls Job Service

608 Main St., Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3472

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For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the bureau at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/

Cities of Plains and Thompson Falls Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers Licensing

Thompson Falls—Courthouse, 406-827-4398

Newspapers:

Clark Fork Valley Press, P. O. Box 667, Plains, MT 59859, 406-826-3402

Sanders County Ledger, P. O. Box 219, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3421

Public Libraries:

Laurie Hill Library, Box 128, Heron, MT 59844-9521, 406-847-8780

Town-County Library of Hot Springs, 114 Main St., Hot Springs, MT 59845-0127, 406-741-3491

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Dixon Elementary, P. O. Box 10, Dixon, MT 59831, 406-246-3566

Hot Springs Public Schools, Drawer T, Hot Springs, MT 59845, 406-741-3285

Noxon Public Schools, P. O. Box 1506, Noxon, MT 59853, 406-847-2443

Paradise Elementary, P. O. Box 126 Schoolhouse Hill, Paradise, MT 59856, 406-826-3344

Plains Public Schools, Box 549, Plains, MT 59859, 406-826-3666

Thompson Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 129, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3323

Trout Creek Elementary, 85 Pine St., Trout Creek, MT 59874, 406-827-3629

Sanders County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 1995

Industry	# of Establish-ments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establish-ments	Average Annual Employment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	335	2,424	Food Stores	6	67
PRIVATE BUSINESS	293	1,765	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	12	53
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	12	117	Eating & Drinking	22	159
Agri Production\Crops	3	95	Miscellaneous Retail	7	17
Forestry	3	11	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	16	68
CONSTRUCTION	37	68	Real Estate	11	17
General Building	13	28	SERVICES	79	457
Heavy Construction	7	21	Hotels & Lodging	10	33
Special Trade	18	41	Personal Services	3	7
MANUFACTURING	44	456	Auto Repair Services	5	6
Lumber	32	394	Miscellaneous Repair Services	4	6
Printing-Publishing	4	26	Amusement & Recreation	10	13
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	27	139	Health Services	8	229
Local - Urban Transportation	4	38	Legal Services	3	5
Trucking-Warehousing	13	46	Educational Services	3	15
Communication	3	13	Social Services	14	67
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	6	41	Engineering Services	6	35
WHOLESALE TRADE	6	36	Private Households	3	2
Durable Goods	4	18	GOVERNMENT	42	658
Nondurable Goods	3	17	State	8	40
RETAIL TRADE	65	380	Local	16	455
Bldg Materials-Garden	10	55	Federal	16	162

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Montana	$3,524	$8,728	$14,741	$15,772	$16,555	$17,635	$17,794
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	82%	82%	85%	82%
Sanders County	$2,746	$6,907	$11,482	$12,239	$12,870	$13,263	$13,095
% of National Average	68%	69%	62%	64%	64%	64%	60%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

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1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	919	417	2	2	88	43	13	6	20	12	2	1
12-14	424	202	0	0	25	14	2	0	7	4	1	0
15-17	396	202	0	0	28	15	2	2	7	5	0	0
18-21	298	137	0	0	21	9	0	0	5	0	0	0
Total	2,037	958	2	2	142	81	17	10	39	21	3	1

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
18+	6,112	3,060	9	3	317	137	16	11	63	33	9	7
18-64	4,756	2,367	7	2	279	120	15	11	56	29	6	6
18+	5,846	2,925	9	3	306	132	15	10	57	28	9	7
18-64	4,490	2,232	7	2	268	115	14	10	50	24	8	6

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	550	276	1	1	44	28	5	3	13	4	2	1
5-17	1,739	821	2	2	121	72	17	10	34	21	3	1
18-44	2,743	1,374	5	2	181	72	10	7	33	15	4	3
45-64	1,747	858	2	0	67	43	4	3	17	9	4	3
62+	1,828	832	2	1	48	22	1	0	10	7	2	2
65+	1,356	693	2	1	38	17	1	0	7	4	1	1
Total	8,135	4,022	12	6	471	232	37	23	104	53	14	9

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896

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County of Residence	# Who Work in Sanders County	County of Work	# Who Live in Sanders County
Out of State	22	Out of State	124
Flathead County	18	Flathead County	11
Lake County	118	Lake County	50
Lincoln County	12	Lincoln County	44
Mineral County	11	Mineral County	27
Missoula County	14	Missoula County	77
Sanders County	2,660	Sanders County	2,660
Yellowstone County	13	Other Montana Counties	10
Other Montana Counties	17		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics